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SUBJECT: REQUEST OF VENEZUELAN MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS
FOR ASSISTANCE IN BUYING USED US TRUCKS, CRANES
AND AMBULANCES

AT HIS REQUEST I CALLED TODAY (OCT. 9) ON MINISTER OF
COMMUNICATIONS BUSTAMANTE WHO IS MIFFED THAT THE EFFICIENT US
GOVERNMENT SEEMINGLY CANNOT GIVE HIM A STRAIGHT ANSWER TO HIS
INQUIRY ON THE PURCHASE OF USED PUBLIC SERVICE EQUIPMENT.
TO GIVE HIM A COPY OF A MAGAZINE ENTITLED "ROCK AND DIRT"
AND A PROSPECTUS FROM THE PENTAGON WHICH HE CANNOT READ IN
ENGLISH CERTAINLY SEEMS LESS THAN A PERSONALIZED APPROACH.
AS INDICATED IN MY CONVERSATION BY TELEPHONE THIS AFTERNOON
WITH OFFICE DIRECTOR DEVINE, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS
WISHES TO FLY TO NEW YORK ON FRIDAY FOR A SPECIAL PERSONAL
TEST OF OUR COLOR TELEVISION. CERTAINLY HIS DISPOSITION IN
FAVOR OF THE US SYSTEM WILL BE IMPROVED IF HE HAS SOME SORT
OF SOFT ANSWER ON HIS QUERY RE VEHICLES. I WONDER, THEREFORE,
IF DEPARTMENT COULD NOT AT LEAST QUERY EMBASSY SAIGON AS TO
POSSIBILITY OF ACQUIRING USED AMBULANCES AND OTHER MILITARY/
CIVILIAN TYPE VEHICLES WHICH THIS MORNING MINISTER SAID HE THOUGHT
HE COULD ARRANGE TO BRING EVEN FROM SOUTHEAST ASIA PROVIDED
THAT PRICE TERMS WERE CONVENIENT.

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